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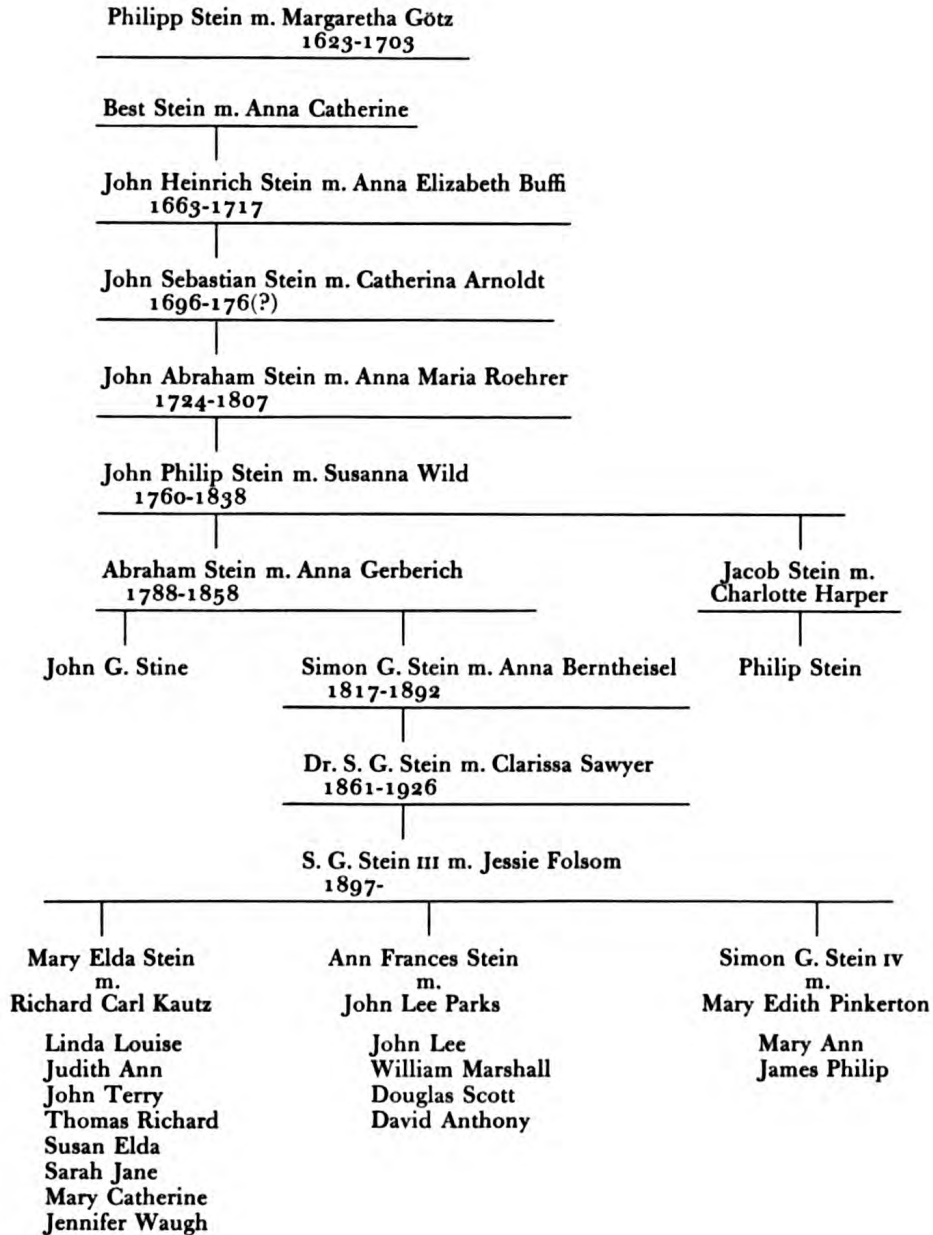
LARGE families were almost universal in the earlier generations of the "Stein Line" in Germany and Pennsylvania, but both S. G. Stein I, who came west to Iowa, and his son, S. G. Stein II, my father, had but one son who left descendants. Consequently, all our family records became concentrated in my hands, and while looking up some of these to answer an inquiry, the realization came that, with my three children and fourteen grandchildren, there would be need for many copies if all were to have records of their ancestors. Also, records of relatives not in the direct line who were associated in Muscatine, my mother's ancestors, and those of my wife who were active in the development of Davenport, Iowa, and Mercer County, Illinois, should be of great interest and value. This realization came at a propitious time when it was possible to have an old friend and neighbor, Jerome C. Bishop, a member of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, assemble the available data for printing. Also, Clyde G. Stine, Ph.D., of Pennsylvania State Teachers College, Millersville, Pennsylvania, another descendant of Sebastian Stine, has been able and willing to contribute much data and background material, as well as the pictures at Kappeln and Hoppstädten. A further fortunate circumstance, another old friend from Muscatine, Carroll Coleman, consented to print this volume. He formerly operated the Prairie Press here, moved it to Iowa City when he took up his duties at the University there, and has found time to bring out many editions which have received national recognition for fine printing.

I hope this book may prove of use and pleasure to those who follow and to those unknown relatives who can trace their ancestors to this family line.

S. G. STEIN III

Muscatine, Iowa
September 1, 1961

Genealogical Chart





The Steins of Muscatine

THE surname "STEIN" appears in the old records from many parts of Germany, some as early as the end of the thirteenth century. The present family has been traced to 1645, at which time they were living south of the Rhine in the hill country between the Glan and Nahe rivers. This section, on the northwestern border of the Palatinate, had been Protestant since the Reformation. It had been fought over repeatedly during the Thirty Years War and later, so that many of the old church records, as well as some of the churches themselves, have been destroyed.

The region has many historic associations: Kreuznach, near where the Glan joins the Nahe, and Bingen, where the Nahe enters the Rhine, were both settled in Roman times. The name "Stein" appears to have some special connection with this district, since from early in the Middle Ages a family known as the Wild and Rhine Counts were its rulers, and a branch of that family (Wild und Rheingrafenstein), had a castle on the mountain top above Grumbach.

This little town is the natural gateway to the region, being only a couple of miles from the Glan, and on the only road leading down to that river in quite a distance. Within a radius of five miles from Grumbach are a dozen or more tiny villages hanging on the mountain sides, and it is in the old Lutheran Church records of two of these villages, Sien and Herren-Sulzbach (now in the Staats Archiv at Koblenz, Germany), that the earliest definite records of the family of Sebastian Stein have been found.

Those directly concerned with his ancestry were:

BEST (SEBASTIAN) STEIN of Udencappeln

m.

ANNA CATHERINE

He was possibly the son of a PHILIPP STEIN of Udencappeln, who on July 16, 1645 married MARGARETHA GÖTZ, who died in 1703 at the age of 80.

A son of Sebastian and Anna Catherine was:

JOHANN HEINRICH STEIN bpt. August 30, 1663 Udencappeln
 bur. January 21, 1717 Udencappeln
 m. October 29, 1688 Udencappeln

ANNA ELIZABETH BUFFI

who was the daughter of PETER BUFFI of Schweinscheid

The children of Heinrich and Anna Elizabeth, all born at Kappeln:

Johann Peter	bpt. November 22, 1689 d y
Anna Margaretha	bpt. March 7, 1694
JOHANNES SEBASTIAN ¹	
Johannes	b. August 22, 1698 m. at Kappeln
Anna Barbara Mohr,	daughter of Daniel Mohr of Obereisenbach
Johann Peter	b. April 1, 1701, d. February 9, 1772 m. May 1, 1722 at Kappeln
Anna Amelia Maurer	
	b. September 1701, d. March 15, 1754 Kappeln
Anna Elizabeth	b. January 14, 1703, bur. October 6, 1707
Johann Matthias	b. August 2, 1706, d. August 10, 1706
Johann Abraham	b. August 30, 1707 m. January 7, 1738 at Kappeln
Anna Elizabeth Gräff,	daughter of Peter Gräff of St. Julian
Anna Martha	b. August 7, 1710, bur. April 29, 1717

Records have also been found of an earlier Sebastian Stein, and of several Adam Steins, one of whom may have been the man who later lived in the Tulpehocken district of the Lebanon valley in Pennsylvania. The participants in the church ceremonies listed in the old records all came from the little neighboring villages, and such family

names as Götz and Maurer repeat. No doubt there were relationships now unknown between Sebastian's family and others of the several Stein families who appear in the early Pennsylvania records.

From this distance we can safely say that the ancestors of Sebastian Stein had lived in this region for many years; that they were farmers rather than merchants or artisans; property owners rather than tenants; devout Lutherans, and, in the case of Sebastian, possessed of some means and probably of a better than average education for the times.

Once landed in Pennsylvania the Steins soon left the cities, and with other pioneers took up land in the newly opened section east of the Susquehanna at the foot of the Blue Mountain, where they began to clear the forest and establish their farms.

JOHN SEBASTIAN¹ STEIN

b. March 24, 1696, at Kappeln, near Grumbach, Rhine Palatinate

d. after March, 1762, Bethel Twp., Berks County, Penna.

m. November 21, 1719, at Sien, near Grumbach

(ANNA) CATHERINE ARNOLDT

bpt. October 9, 1695, at Hoppstädten, near Grumbach

d. after March, 1762, Bethel Twp., Berks County

She was the daughter of NICOL ARNOLDT of Hoppstädten

Records from Grumbach show that on April 24, 1748 Sebastian signed a contract with Michel Stillgebauer of Schweinscheid to sell his house in the village of Sien-Hoppstädten for 1200 gulden, plus a fee of 25 florins. (The coins were of about equal value, but the gulden had to be of gold.) The property sold included not only his home in the village, but also the barn, forge, arable lands, meadows and vineyards, together with all the farming equipment and implements. The buyer obligated himself to make the payment in one sum to Sebastian "before his departure."

Payment was made on May 29, for the record shows that Sebastian then paid a ten per cent tax on the net amount of the sale. The revenue accounts of the Grumbach office also show:

"May 29, 1748. Sebastian Stein of Hoppstädten, minded to remove to America received release for himself, his wife and children on payment of 34 florins."

Soon after, the Steins sailed from Rotterdam on the ship *Edinburgh*, James Russell, Master, arriving at Philadelphia before September 5, 1748, for on that day the men took the oath of allegiance to the British Crown which was required before landing. Sebastian and his oldest son Peter signed the passenger list, while sons Abraham and Henry made their marks. (*Pennsylvania German Pioneers*, Strassburger and Hinke, Vol. II, p. 405.) On this trip the *Edinburgh* carried about 320 German immigrants, so the passage must have occasioned many hardships.

The first record of Sebastian in the new country is his signature, with five others, as a witness to the will of Johannes Wolfarth, March 22, 1749-50. Wolfarth lived near what is now Rehrersburg, Berks County, as did four of the other witnesses. Sebastian was apparently then living near, or possibly on the farm which on July 31, 1750 he bought from Thomas and Richard Penn, sons of William Penn, and Proprietors of the Province. This farm of 139 acres lay on both sides of Little Swatara Creek, but largely north of it, a mile or so to the east of the present village of Bethel, and about the same distance northwest of Rehrersburg. The north line of the property was very close to what is now highway US 22, about halfway between Harrisburg and Allentown.

For the farm Sebastian paid £54-4-2, then a week later mortgaged it for a year to Conrad Weiser for £79-2-4. Weiser was the confidential agent of the Penns in their dealings with the Indians, the official interpreter from the early 1730s, and one of the most famous of the early German immigrants.

The Rev. John Casper Stoever was a Lutheran minister who, beginning in the 1730s, travelled widely among the German settlers. His records of weddings and baptisms, covering a period of over thirty years,

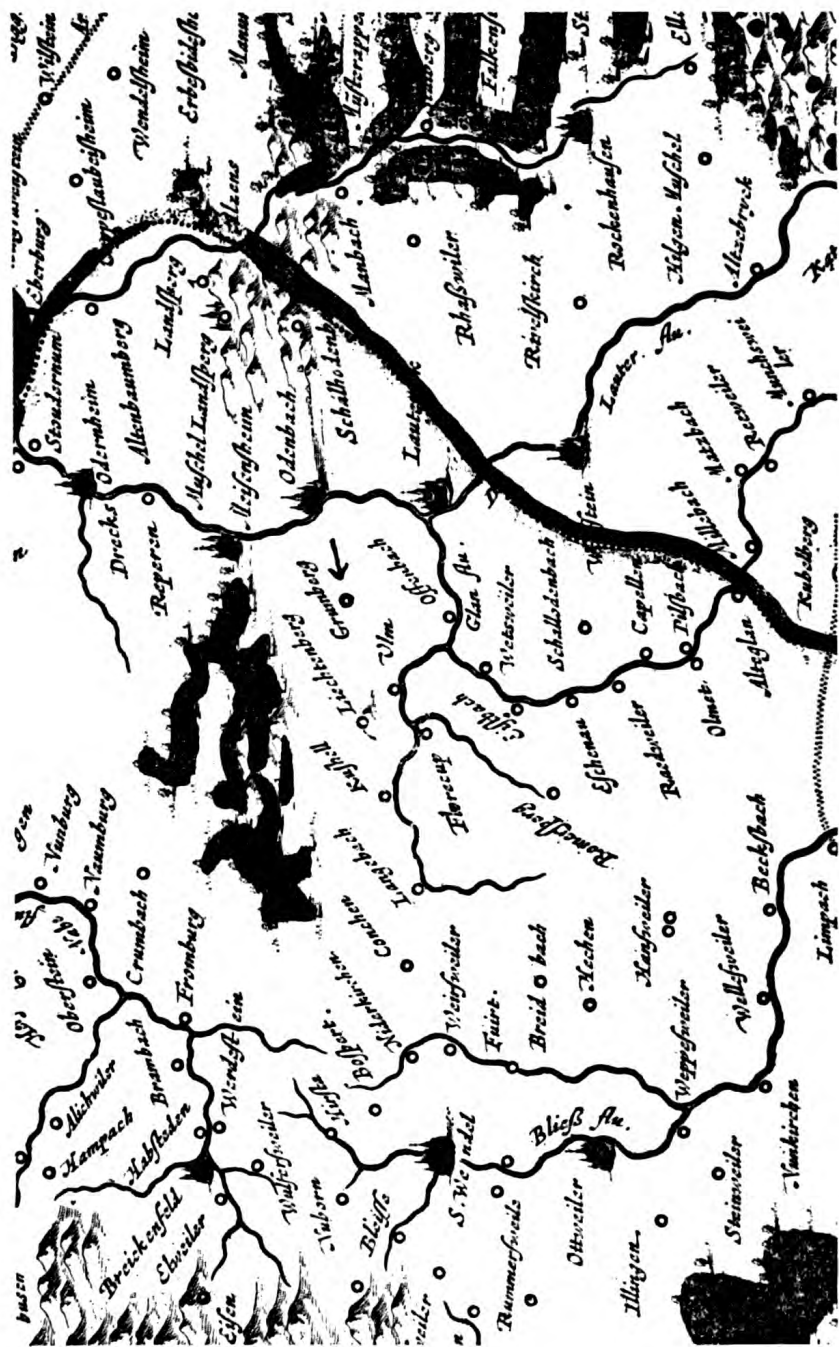
are often the only means of locating a family's whereabouts. All of Sebastian's sons were married by him, and his references to the family are usually at "Atolhoe", which is not so much the name of a place as of a region, roughly the land which was drained by Little Swatara Creek.

Across this section passed the "Tulpehocken Trail" from Conrad Weiser's to the Indian settlement at Shamokin, part of the main Indian road from Shackamaxon (Philadelphia) to the Iroquois headquarters at Onondaga (Syracuse). This trail crosses the Blue Mountain north of Bethel, passing the mountain-top spring "Pilger Ruh" referred to by early missionaries and explorers. Gottfried Roehrer early set up his store and inn along this trail at what is now Rehrersburg, and the old Lutheran Church there, which took title to the land in March 1747, now carries the name of "Atalaha".

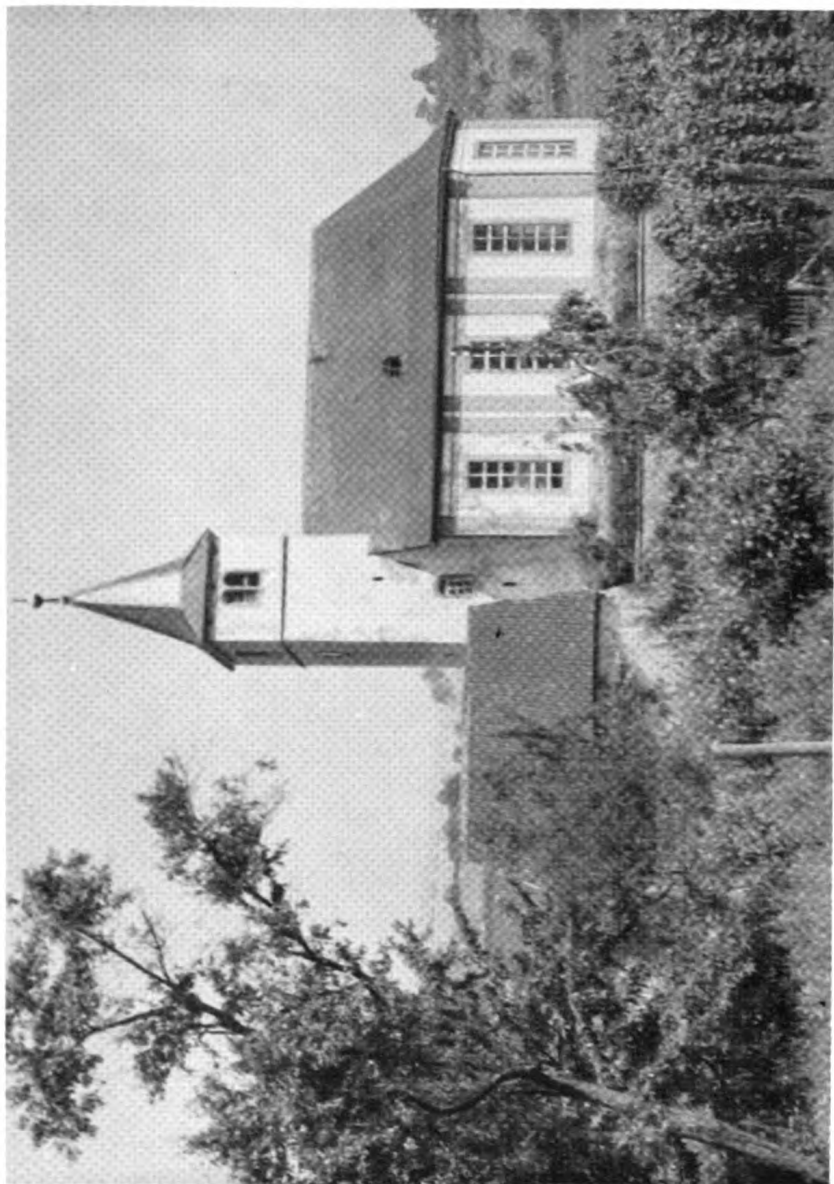
The Penns had bought this section from the Iroquois in 1736, but even twenty years later hardly a tenth of the virgin forest had been cleared by the settlers. At a reunion of the Stein family in Lickdale in 1939 Mr. George Wheeler well described it:

"Only in rare cases could a settler see his nearest neighbor's house. No wonder the Indians found it so easy to surprise the settlers and escape before help arrived. . . . The new home of the Steins was in a forest so dense that only along the wider streams or in the occasional tiny clearings could one catch a glimpse of the sun. There were few roads on which a wagon could be used; mostly the travellers went on foot, using pack horses to carry their scanty belongings, and following Indian paths to reach their destination. The logs from the clearings furnished the material for their houses, barns and churches. Oiled paper took the place of glass in the windows. The howling of the wolves, the growls of bears and the screams of panthers were familiar night sounds."

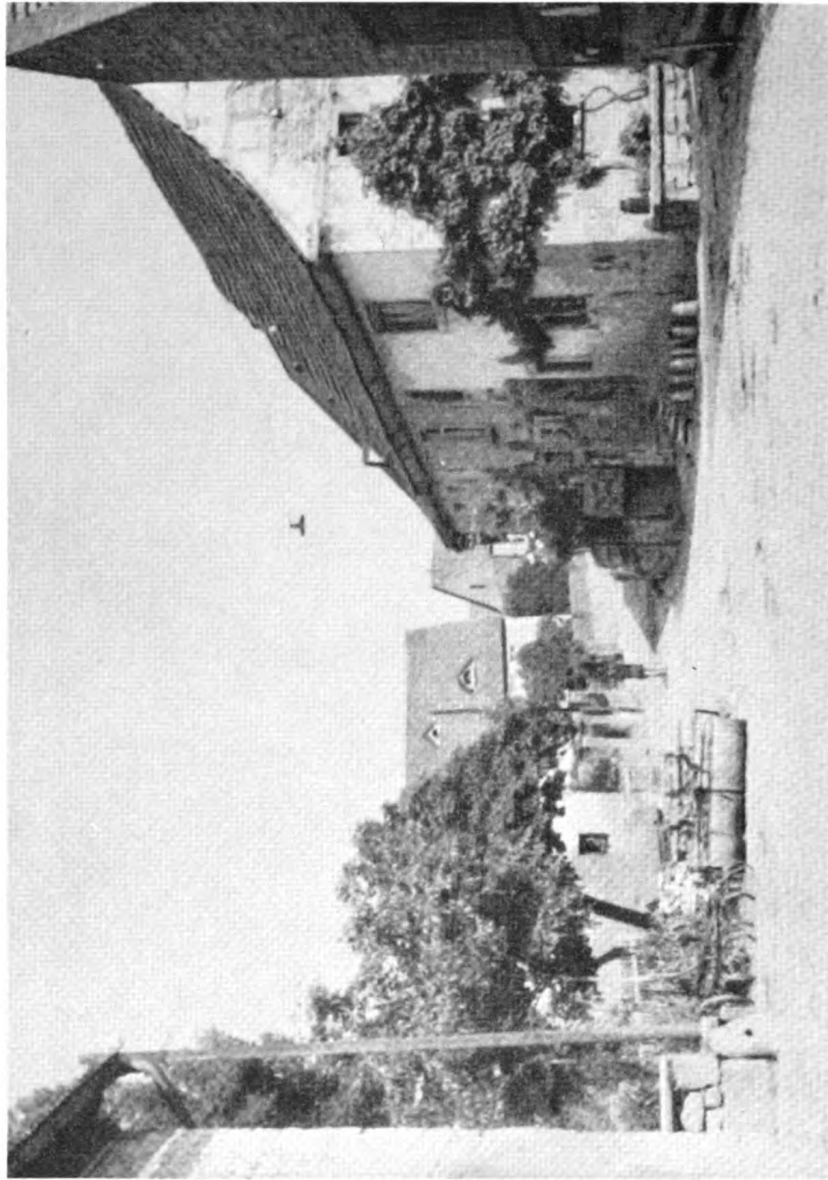
Sebastian's name appears on the tax lists of Bethel Township for 1753 and 1754 only; on July 27, 1755 he appeared before the Justices of the Supreme Court at Lancaster and was naturalized. In the Fall of 1755 this section was the scene of several Indian raids; eleven settlers



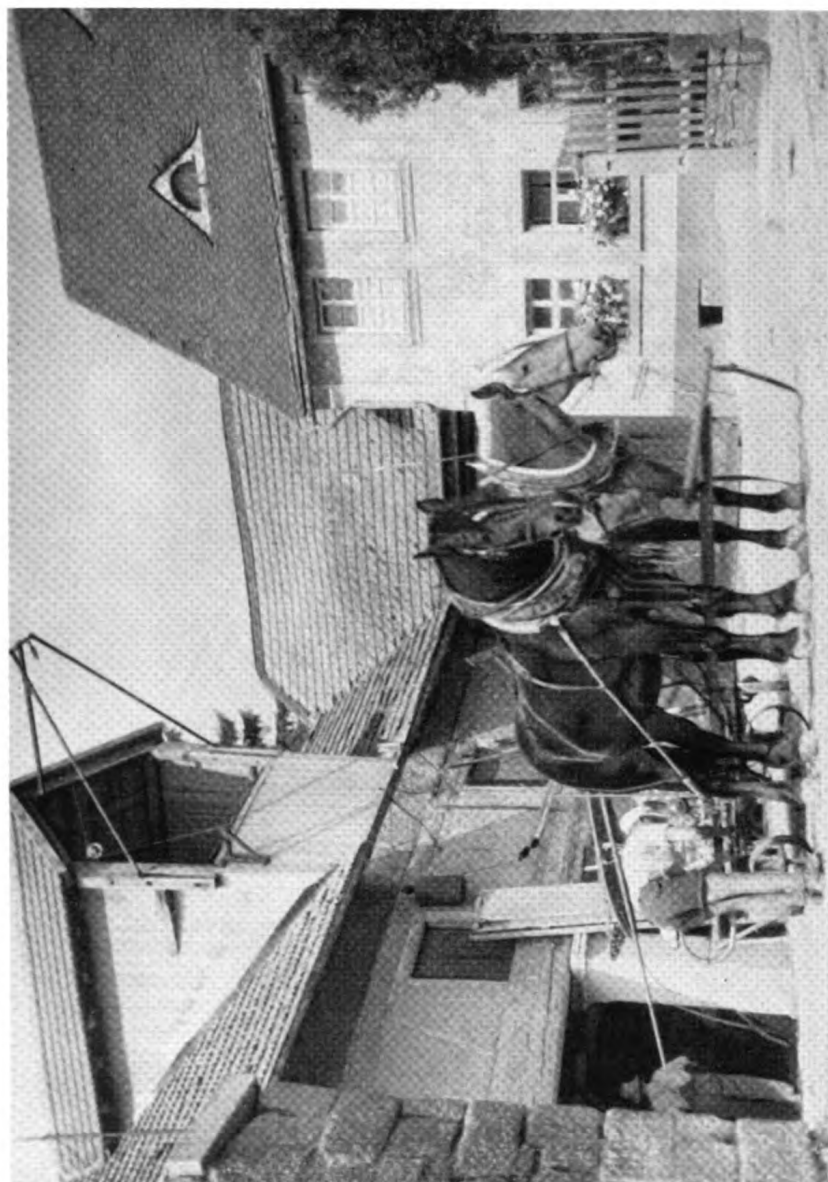
RHINE PALATINATE AS IN 1662



CHURCH IN KAPPELN



STREET SCENE IN HOPPSTÄDTEN



STEIN HOUSE AND SMITHY IN HOPPSTÄDTEN



S. G. STEIN I



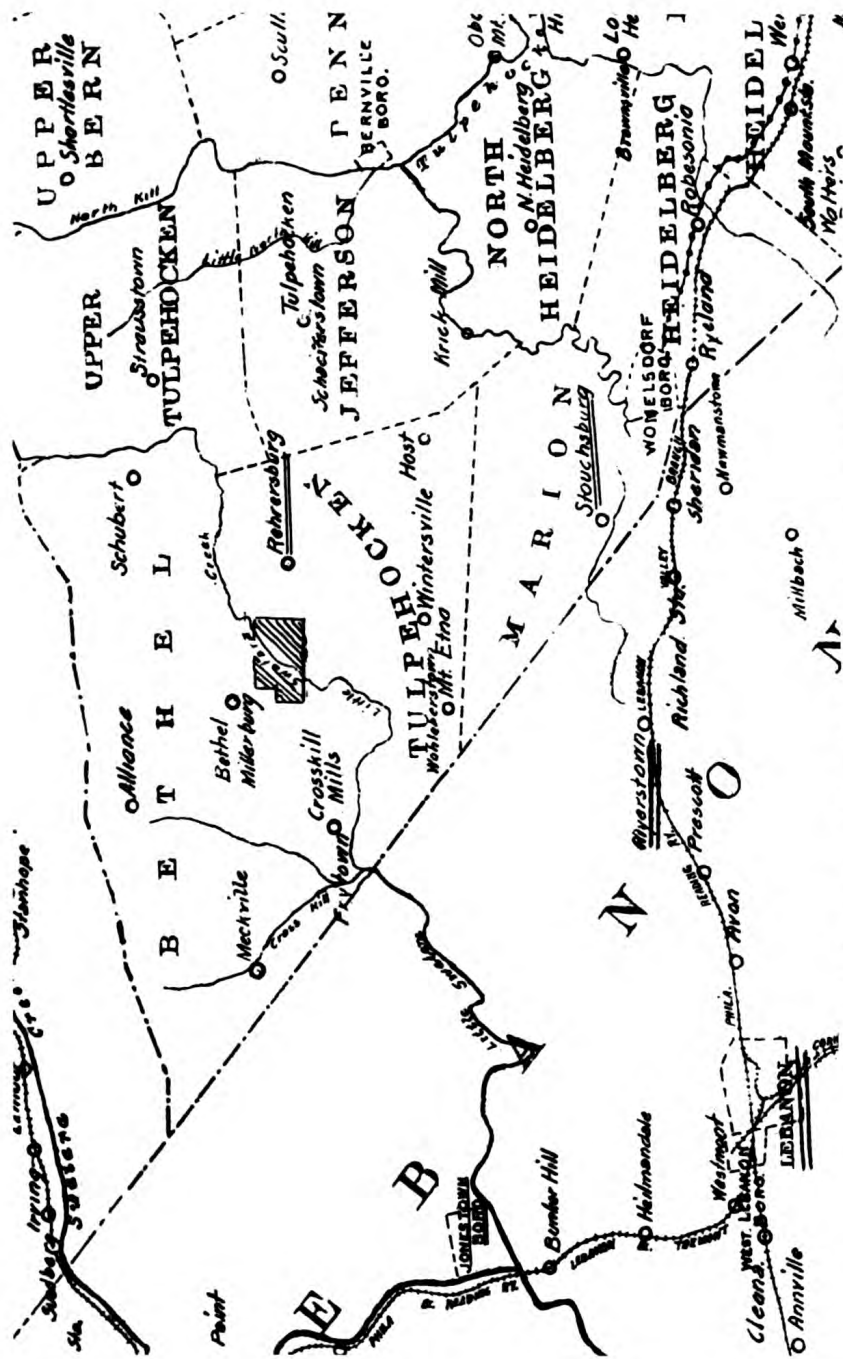
S. G. STEIN II



S. G. STEIN III



S. G. STEIN IV



STEIN FARM IN 1750, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

were killed, several more were scalped and three children carried away, so the 1756 return of the tax assessor shows that 54 people had fled, while only 98 remained as "not fled", in the entire township. Among those killed were Sebastian Brosius, one of the neighbors who with Stein had witnessed Wolfarth's will, and residents at George Dollinger's, another neighbor who had witnessed Stein's mortgage to Weiser. Since to make these raids the Indians had to cross either Stein's or an adjoining property it is no wonder that Sebastian's name does not show up in the records for a while. The family probably moved to a safer neighborhood.

Sebastian and his wife were sponsors at the baptisms of three of their grandchildren: John Sebastian, son of Henry, at Atolhoe March 29, 1752; Frederick John, son of Peter, at Christ Church, Stouchsberg March 16, 1760; and Anna Catherine, daughter of John, at Rehrersburg March 14, 1762. This is their last recorded date.

The children of Sebastian and Anna Catherine Stein, combining the German records with those in Pennsylvania, were:

John Peter Stein, later of Heidelberg Twp., Dauphin County

bpt. April 7, 1722, Hoppstädten

d. after 1797

m. March 30, 1752, at Christ Church, Stouchsberg, Lebanon

Catherine Anspach, whose family had come to the Tulpehocken district from the Schoharie Valley of New York. They had eight children.

JOHN ABRAHAM² STEIN

John Heinrich Stein of Atolhoe

bpt. March 6, 1727, Hoppstädten

m. February 4, 1750, at Atolhoe

Juliana Andre

They had four children.

John Nicol Stein

bpt. July 28, 1729, Hoppstädten

d. May 17, 1733, Hoppstädten

John Stein, later of Pine Grove, Schuylkill County

bpt. December 9, 1731, Hoppstädten

d. November 10, 1810, buried at St. Jacob's Lutheran Church, Pine Grove

m. May 19, 1755, Rehrersburg

Maria Barbara Gebhardt

They had eleven children.

John did not arrive on the *Edinburgh* with the rest of the family, but on the *Two Brothers* ten days later.

? William Stein, of Bethel Twp., Berks.

m. 1.

2. August 29, 1762

Catherina Scheidt

Possibly a family tradition is responsible for the inclusion of William as a son of Sebastian in an early family genealogy. No record has been found of his birth or baptism in the church records in Germany. Stoever records his second marriage as above, the baptism at Atolhoe of his son John Abraham September 22, 1754, and his name as sponsor of a child of John Stein's at Atolhoe in 1756. He seems to have had at least one child by an earlier marriage, as a girl killed by raiding Indians November 16, 1755 is believed to have been his daughter. He was taxed in Bethel Twp., in 1762.

None of this is proof that he was a son of Sebastian; and the name William was not used in Sebastian's family in either the third or fourth generations. If not a son he was probably a relative, and at least a neighbor.

JOHN ABRAHAM² STEIN

b. October 1, 1724, GS, near Grumbach, Rhine Palatinate

bpt. October 4, 1724, Hoppstädten

d. May 30, 1807, GS, buried at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Jonestown, Penna.

m. September 16, 1750, Atolhoe, Bethel Twp., Berks County

ANNA MARIA ROEHRER

b. December 1, 1728, Mauer, Baden, Germany GS

d. August 18, 1799, buried at Zion Church, Jonestown

She was the daughter of JOHN DIETRICH and MARY ELIZABETH ROEHRER.

Abraham arrived in Philadelphia in 1748 on the *Edinburgh* with his parents, and for some years lived in Bethel Twp., Berks County.

After the first Indian raid on this township in November 1755 Conrad Weiser wrote to Gov. Morris of Pennsylvania that he had met with a mob of angry settlers, and that 150 men were needed at once to act as scouts and guards. A law setting up a force of militia was passed the next week, establishing a rate of pay of \$6.00 per month, or \$7.00 if the recruit furnished his own gun and blanket. Within two months Gov. Morris was able to report to Col. Washington and Gov. Dinwiddie of Virginia that a chain of stockade forts had been set up along the foot of Blue Mountain, of which the most important was Ft. Henry at Tolihaio, where the Tulpehocken Trail came down over the mountain. Abraham Stein helped build Ft. Henry, and with his neighbors served there on guard duty during the early years of the French and Indian War.

The record of his service later in the War shows that he was commissioned Ensign on August 21, 1763 in the First Battalion of the famous Royal American Regiment commanded by Col. Henry Bouquet. In 1764 he served in the regiment commanded by the Hon. John Penn, Esq., Lt. Col. Turbot Francis, which was formed for the defense of the province against the Indians. (Pennsylvania Archives, Fifth Series, Vol. I, p. 335.)

In August 1761 he was licensed by the Lancaster County Court to keep an inn in Cocalico Twp., the license being renewed in 1765, 1766 and 1767.

In 1762 he received a patent for land in Brecknock Twp., Lancaster County, from the Penns. Five years later he mortgaged this to Gottfried Roehrer, then sold it. For more than twenty years Abraham appears in the records as a buyer and seller of land, moving from one township to another as he traded. His last deal was for a lot in Jonestown, situated at the forks of the Swatara a few miles below the gap where the main creek comes out of the mountains, and about twelve miles west of Atolhoe. This he bought in 1790 and sold it to his son in 1797. He was living there when he made his will in February 1806.

The children of Abraham and Anna Maria Stein:

Anna Magdalena	b. January 29, 1751 m. Jacob Young
John	b. June 15, 1752, d. before 1807
Maria Catherine	b. March 31, 1754, d. 1838 or 1839 m. Abraham Feeman
Abraham	b. January 6, 1756, d. ca 1829 He served in the Revolutionary War.
John Jacob	b. October 20, 1757
John Henry	b. October 10, 1759 m. Elizabeth ———
JOHN PHILIP³	
Anna Maria	b. February 6, 1762, d. before 1806 m. George Huber
Anna Margareta	b. November 4, 1764 m. ——— Latcher
Elizabeth Christina	b. December 27, 1765 m. ——— Gossert
Isaac	b. December 30, 1766, d. before 1806
Maria Elizabeth	b. February 2, 1768 m. Sebastian Felty
Daniel	b. April 28, 1770, d. April 13, 1840 m. 1. Elizabeth Rupley m. 2. Anna Maria Kleiss
Susanna	b. December 15, 1771, d. November 15, 1834 m. Johannes Stroh
George	b. February 10, 1774, d. January 10, 1815 m. Susanna Frank He was a Captain in the Pennsylvania Militia in the War of 1812.

JOHN PHILIP³ STEIN

b. December 2, 1760, East Hanover Twp., Lebanon County, Penna.
d. March 28, 1838, buried at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church,
Jonestown, Penna.
m. July 27, 1786, Zion Church, Jonestown

SUSANNA WILD (WILT)

b. September 9, 1769

d. February 3, 1830, buried in Zion Cemetery

She was the daughter of JACOB and CATHERINA WILD. He was born November 21, 1731 in Hattmatt, Lower Alsace, Germany, and died May 16, 1811. She was born November 11, 1731 and died April 7, 1806.

Philip served in the Revolutionary War in 1780 as a Private in the 7th Company, 9th Battalion, Lancaster County Militia; and in Capt. Bradley's Company of the same Battalion, as shown by muster rolls, in 1781 and 1782. (Penna. Arch. 5th Series, Vol. VII, pp. 908, 940, 960).

He lived in the neighborhood of Jonestown, and is believed to have been a farmer.

The children of Philip and Susanna Stein:

ABRAHAM⁴

Catherina	b. October 23, 1789, d. October 6, 1864 m. 1. Thomas Sanderson m. 2. John Snyder
George	b. August 11, 1791 m. Maria Kind
Susanna	b. January 15, 1793, d y
John Jacob	b. September 18, 1794, d. April 6, 1840 m. Charlotte Harper Their son Philip appears later in this record.
John	b. May 3, 1796, d. March 20, 1863 m. 1. Anna Sabina Capp m. 2. Jane Reichert
Isaac	b. November 25, 1797, d y
Philip	b. July 7, 1799, d. November 27, 1862 m. Elizabeth Yeager
Elizabeth	b. January 5, 1801, d. May 3, 1867
Isaac	b. April 2, 1802, d. October 8, 1850 m. Elizabeth Zerker
Susanna	b. January 15, 1804 m. Philip Lerch

David	b. September 28, 1805, d. August 31, 1862 m. Rebecca ———
Daniel	b. May 6, 1807
Anna Mary	b. December 21, 1808, d. October 23, 1874 m. Jacob Groh

ABRAHAM⁴ STEIN

b. January 28, 1788, East Hanover Twp., Lebanon County, Penna.
d. December 28, 1858, Jonestown, Penna. Buried in Zion Lutheran Cemetery.
m. April 2, 1810, Zion Church, Jonestown

ANNA BARBARA GERBERICH

b. November 10, 1790, East Hanover Twp.
d. January 23, 1861, Muscatine, Iowa
(see GERBERICH family)

According to his son Simon, Abraham served in the War of 1812, and a list of Miscellaneous Muster Rolls of that War shows that on September 9, 1814, an Abraham Stine was Captain of the 117th "Regiment", presumably of the Pennsylvania Militia. (Penna. Arch., Series 6, Vol. VII, p. 398).

Abraham seems to have lived in or near Jonestown, Lebanon County, where in later years he was a prominent merchant. He served as Justice of the Peace in 1829, 1846, 1851 and 1857. He was "a man of strict integrity of character, whose word was as good as his bond." Mrs. Stein was said to have been "a woman of great energy and culture, a truly gifted, earnest Christian mother, and her children could testify to her great ability, tact and earnest piety, and best of all, her wonderful faith."

The children of Abraham and Anna Barbara Stein:

John Gerberich	b. August 18, 1811, d. January 27, 1872 He appears later in this record.
Daniel Gerberich	b. November 23, 1812 d. May 28, 1851, Myerstown, Penna. m. Margaret Albert

Catherine	b. March 13, 1814 d. December 15, 1853 m. Michael Bassler
Abraham Gerberich	b. September 4, 1815 d. July 25, 1881, Des Moines, Iowa m. 1. June 12, 1837, Elizabeth Kurr m. 2. August 31, 1844, Rebecca Lauer Keyser

SIMON GERBERICH⁵

SIMON GERBERICH⁵ STEIN

b. March 17, 1817, East Hanover Twp., Lebanon County, Penna.
d. January 11, 1892, Muscatine, Iowa
m. May 20, 1841 at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Jonestown,
Penna., by the Rev. John Stein, a distant relative

ANNA CATHERINE BERNTHEISEL

b. March 23, 1823, Lebanon County, Penna.
d. June 5, 1901, Muscatine, Iowa
(see BERNTHEISEL family)

As a young man S. G. Stein spent several years in the milling business, first in Pennsylvania, then in Springfield and Hamilton, Ohio, and finally in Illinois. After his marriage they moved to Moline, Illinois, where he operated both a flour mill and a saw mill. In 1849 the Steins moved down river to Muscatine, where his brother John had been located since 1846. He brought his office building with him on a lumber raft, and set it up in his yard at the southwest corner of Second and Pine Streets, where it remained for many years.

Once settled he proceeded to build himself into the rapidly growing town. Starting in the retail lumber business, he engaged in 1851 with S. G. Hill in the manufacture of sash and doors; the business was closed out during the Civil War, in which Gen. Hill lost his life. In 1854, with his cousin Philip, he embarked in the furniture business, both retail and manufacturing, under the name of S. G. & P. Stein Furniture Company. In 1874 he joined with Benjamin Hershey, a Pennsylvanian of

Mennonite Swiss ancestry, in the incorporation of the Hershey Lumber Company. Mr. Hershey had been operating the business for a number of years, and the new Corporation, of which Mr. Stein was Vice President, became one of the largest logging and lumber companies on the Mississippi River.

Mr. Stein was President of two of the local railroad lines which later became parts of the C. R. I. & P. Railway, and was half owner of the ferry company. He was one of the founders of the Muscatine Oat Meal Company in 1879, and took an active part in the organization of many other firms and utilities. He was best known as a banker, as he was one of the organizers of the Merchants Exchange Bank in 1865, of which bank and its successor, the First National Bank, he was President from 1866 until his death.

In earlier years a Whig, he joined the Republican party when it was founded. In 1870 he was one of the original committee appointed by the State Legislature of Iowa to build the present State Capitol Building at Des Moines. Locally, he served Muscatine as Alderman in 1860 and 1861, and was elected Mayor without opposition in 1870 and 1871, being nominated by both parties each time.

Though from a Lutheran family, in Muscatine he affiliated with the First Presbyterian Church, of which he was Trustee from 1859 to 1892. He was a member of the I. O. O. F., and in earlier years was quite active in their work.

At his death the editor of the *Muscatine Evening Journal*, commenting on the great loss to the community, wrote:

“He made his impression on the business and commercial interests of Muscatine more than any other man who ever lived in it.”

The children of S. G. and Anna Catherine Stein:

Barbara Angeline	b. March 15, 1844, Moline, Illinois
	d. September 7, 1895, Chicago, Illinois
	m. November 16, 1869, Muscatine, Iowa
	Arthur Middleton Barnhart

She was a graduate of the Galesburg, Illinois, Seminary, and of Oxford Female College. Her husband was President of the Great Western Type Foundry of Chicago. They had no children.

SIMON GERBERICH⁶ STEIN II

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- b. December 12, 1861, Muscatine, Iowa
- bpt. February 1, 1863, Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church,
Jonestown, Penna.
- d. December 3, 1926, Muscatine, Iowa
- m. March 17, 1896, Muscatine, Iowa

CLARISSA ORMISTON SAWYER

- b. November 3, 1866, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada
- d. June 20, 1922, Muscatine, Iowa
- (see SAWYER family)

S. G. Stein II was graduated from Chicago University in 1883 as a Bachelor of Arts. In 1886 he returned to the Medical College of Chicago University, from which he was graduated in 1889 as a Doctor of Medicine. Following his graduation he spent two years in foreign travel, returning to Muscatine as his father's health began to fail.

Doctor Stein, as he was always known, never practiced medicine though he retained a lively interest in the subject, keeping up his membership in the local chapter of the American Medical Association, and serving for years as a Trustee of the Benjamin Hershey Memorial Hospital of Muscatine.

In 1892 he took over his father's banking interests, and over the years increased them greatly. After two years as Vice President he became President of the First National Bank in 1894, continuing as such for over thirty years. He was a Trustee and Vice President of the Muscatine Savings Bank and its successor, the First Trust and Savings Bank, from 1892 until 1926. In 1922 he purchased the controlling interest in the Hershey State Bank, and became its Vice President.

While primarily a banker, his other interests were many and varied.

Mrs. Jessie Stein attended schools in Rock Island, Illinois, and National Park Seminary, at Forest Glen, Maryland.

S. G. Stein III was graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy in 1915, and attended Dartmouth College until 1917, when he returned to Muscatine and entered the banking business.

He held various positions in the First National Bank until he succeeded his father as President in 1926. He was also Vice President and a Director of the First Trust and Savings Bank, and of the Hershey State Bank. In 1933 the various Stein banking interests in Muscatine were consolidated into the Central State Bank, of which Mr. Stein has since been Chairman of the Board.

He was one of the organizers, and President, of the Muscatine Airport Company in 1927, which later donated its property to the City; he was a member of the Muscatine Airport Commission from its organization until 1953.

Early in 1943, as the war-time need for industrial alcohol became serious, Mr. Stein with Gage A. Kent organized the Grain Processing Corporation to produce grain alcohol. Production commenced in December, 1943, in what is now one of the largest plants of its kind in the country. In 1943 they also organized the Muscatine Processing Corporation, which produced soy bean oil and meal. In 1947 the Grain Processing Corporation purchased the Mississippi Valley Feed and Grain Company, now known as Kent Feeds, Inc., which has become one of the region's largest producers of cattle and poultry feeds. This group of affiliated companies have enlarged their plants and extended their line of products until they have become one of Muscatine's largest and most successful industries. Mr. Stein is Chairman of the Board of Grain Processing Corporation, and Vice President of Kent Feeds, Inc.

In Masonry Mr. Stein has followed the pattern set by his father, his application for membership in the Blue Lodge having been filed on his 21st birthday. He has taken an active part in the work of the higher

Masonic bodies, and in the Masonic Temple Association of Muscatine, of which he was a Trustee for some 25 years. In 1941 he was elected Knight Commander of the Court of Honor, and October 19, 1945 he received the honorary degree of 33° at Washington, D. C., in the same class with the then President of the United States, Harry S. Truman. He is presently Deputy for the Sov. Grand Inspector in Iowa for Zarephath Consistory at Davenport.

Mr. Stein was a Trustee of the First Presbyterian Church of Muscatine from 1926 to 1954, when he was succeeded in that office by his son; he has been a Ruling Elder of that Church since 1954.

In addition to various local clubs Mr. Stein holds memberships in the Union League Club of Chicago, the Dartmouth Club of New York, and the Capitol Hill Club of Washington, D. C.

Like his grandfather, S. G. Stein has always taken an active part in the establishment of any project which appeared to be for the betterment of Muscatine, and as these projects have prospered the community has profited as well.

The children of Simon and Jessie Stein:

MARY ELDA

ANN FRANCES

SIMON GERBERICH⁸

MARY ELDA⁸ STEIN

b. May 3, 1918, Muscatine, Iowa

m. December 24, 1939, Muscatine, Iowa

RICHARD CARL KAUTZ

b. August 1, 1916, Muscatine, Iowa

The son of CARL and LEAH EDITH (AMLONG) KAUTZ, he attended Muscatine Junior College, the State University of Arizona, and was graduated from the State University of Iowa with the degree of B.Sc.

She attended Stephens College, Sweetbriar College, and was gradu-

ated from Northwestern University with the degree of B.S. in Education.

He is a Director, Vice President and Secretary of the Grain Processing Corporation, and Vice President of the North Central Area Council of the Y. M. C. A. They are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Muscatine.

The children of Richard and Mary Elda Kautz:

Linda Louise	b. June 26, 1942, Schnectady, N. Y.
Judith Ann	b. September 22, 1943, Muscatine, Iowa
John Terry	b. June 6, 1945, Muscatine, Iowa
Thomas Richard	b. January 21, 1948, Muscatine, Iowa
Susan Elda	b. January 28, 1950, Muscatine, Iowa
Sarah Jane	b. January 8, 1952, Muscatine, Iowa
Mary Catherine	b. May 14, 1953, Muscatine, Iowa
Jennifer Waugh	b. December 14, 1956, Muscatine, Iowa

ANN FRANCES⁸ STEIN

b. January 28, 1920, Muscatine, Iowa
m. September 12, 1948, Muscatine, Iowa

JOHN LEE PARKS, M. D.

b. September 12, 1920, Muscatine, Iowa

The son of GEORGE CLYDE and MARY IMO (LEE) PARKS, he attended the Muscatine schools and holds the degrees of B.A. and M.D. from the State University of Iowa.

She attended Stephens College and Leland Stanford Jr., University, and was graduated from the latter with the degree of B.A. She took post-graduate studies at the State University of New Mexico and the State University of Iowa.

The children of John and Ann Parks:

John Lee	b. November 11, 1949, Muscatine, Iowa
William Marshall	b. December 13, 1950, Muscatine, Iowa

Douglas Scott	b. May 1, 1953, Muscatine, Iowa
David Anthony	b. February 11, 1955, Iowa City, Iowa

SIMON GERBERICH⁸ STEIN IV

b. October 14, 1921, Muscatine, Iowa
m. May 16, 1946, Oakland, California

MARY EDITH PINKERTON

b. January 13, 1922, Clay Center, Ohio

The daughter of VERN ALBERT and SUSIE CLARK PINKERTON, she studied at Toledo University and was graduated from the Toledo Hospital, at Toledo, Ohio, as a graduate nurse. During World War II she served in the U. S. Navy Nurses Corps as a Lieutenant Junior Grade.

He was graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, N. H., in 1940, and also studied at Dartmouth College. In 1948 he was graduated from the State University of Iowa.

From April, 1943, to April, 1946, he was a member of the U. S. Naval Reserve. From November, 1944, until March, 1946, he was in service at the U. S. Naval Base, Saipan, Mariana Islands.

He is President of the S. G. & P. Stein Furniture Company, a Director of the Central State Bank and of the Grain Processing Corporation. He is a 32° Mason, a Trustee and Secretary of the Masonic Temple Association of Muscatine. Carrying on the family tradition he has been a Trustee of the First Presbyterian Church, a position held continuously for one hundred years by an S. G. Stein, his great grandfather having become a Trustee in 1859.

The children of Simon and Mary Stein:

Mary Ann	b. October 31, 1948, Muscatine, Iowa
James Philip ⁹	b. February 23, 1951, Muscatine, Iowa

JOHN GERBERICH STEIN, son of ABRAHAM⁴ and ANNA BARBARA

b. August 18, 1811, Jonestown, Lebanon County, Penna.

d. January 27, 1872, Muscatine, Iowa

m. 1. February 4, 1836

LUCY ANNA BERNTHEISEL (see BERNTHEISEL family)

b. June 8, 1811, Lebanon County, Penna.

d. September 3, 1859, Muscatine, Iowa. (Her gravestone reads "Louisiana".)

m. 2. June 8, 1862

MARIA JANE BENNETT

b. March 17, 1837, Edinburgh, Scotland

d. May 27, 1872, buried at Muscatine, Iowa

She was the daughter of Matthew Bennett, a linen manufacturer of Belfast, Northern Ireland.

John G. Stine, as he called himself, learned the tanner's trade at Harrisburg and Philadelphia, then set up shop in Jonestown, where he also taught school. In 1841 he was Justice of the Peace in Swatara Township, and was a Major in the Pennsylvania Militia at Jonestown.

He was the first of the Stein family to settle in Muscatine, then called Bloomington. Early in December, 1846, his advertisement appeared in the *Bloomington Herald*, to the effect that he had taken over the "Iowa House," Muscatine's earliest hotel, located on Chestnut and Water Streets across from the steamboat landing. He promised to make a quiet and desirable home for those who might favor him with their patronage. He seems to have succeeded, for within two months the competing hotel was put up for sale, while John G. renamed his the "Pennsylvania House," and continued to operate it for 26 years.

Politically, one of his contemporaries wrote, "when John G. Stine was sober he was a Whig"; but he was elected Mayor of the city in 1853 and 1857, both times by decided majorities. During a shortage of currency in the latter year the City Council voted to issue "shinplasters" as legal tender, but the Mayor vetoed the ordinance, and was later upheld by the Court.

His newspaper obituary ends by saying:

“He was noted for his kindness of heart and sympathy for the poor and afflicted—many a poor and penniless creature has been freely fed at his table.”

The children of John G. and Lucy Ann Stine:

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| Franklin Abraham | b. February 18, 1837, Jonestown, Penna. d y |
| Madison Berntheisel | b. March 18, 1839, Jonestown, Penna.
d. October 16, 1915, Des Moines, Iowa
m. June 13, 1872, Iowa City, Iowa
Agnes Hannah Crocker of Port Allen, who was b.
October 26, 1846 at Barnstable, England. Their
two children died young. |
| Harrison Tyler | b. January 28, 1841, Jonestown, Penna.
d. March 22, 1916, Muscatine, Iowa
m. March 6, 1872, Muscatine, Iowa
Julia Gertrude Hoover
He served in the Northern forces in the Civil War,
and was disabled in 1862. |
| Zachariah Winfield | b. May 5, 1848, Muscatine, Iowa d y |
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JOHN PHILIP⁸ STEIN who married Susanna Wild, had a son

JACOB STEIN, who married Charlotte Harper (baptised as Sharlata Yerger)

Their son:

PHILIP STEIN

- b. June 6, 1829, East Hanover Twp., Lebanon County, Penna.
- d. May 22, 1908, Muscatine, Iowa
- m. 1. September 2, 1856, Christiana Elizabeth Secrist
 - b. July 14, 1837, Lebanon County
 - d. August 19, 1863, Muscatine, Iowa
- m. 2. November 2, 1865, Elizabeth Neidig
 - b. October 14, 1836, Lebanon County
 - d. 1920, Muscatine, Iowa

Philip came to Muscatine in 1850, where his cousins John and Simon were then living. In May, 1854, he, with his cousin Simon G. Stein, established a furniture store which, under the name of S. G. & P. Stein

Furniture Company, is still after over a century the leading store of its kind in the city, as well as the oldest local firm still under the management of the founding family.

He served four terms as City Alderman in the 1860s, but otherwise Philip led a rather quiet life, his time and energy being devoted mainly to the conduct of the store, of which he was manager for 54 years.

From 1865 on he was active in the affairs of the First Presbyterian Church, serving for 32 years as Treasurer, and for 39 years as an Elder.

The children of Philip and Christiana (Anna) Stein:

Charlotte Elizabeth	b. 1860, Muscatine, Iowa d. 1878, unm
Alice Annie	b. 1862, Muscatine, Iowa d. 1934, Chicago m. 1. George Edward Nye m. 2. W. H. Holsteen No living descendants of either marriage.

The children of Philip and Elizabeth Stein:

Nathan Aaron	b. 1870, Muscatine, Iowa d y
Mary Edith	b. March 26, 1872, Muscatine, Iowa d. September 25, 1931, Chicago m. December 27, 1894, Muscatine, Iowa Francis Leslie Stevenson (1866-1946)
Elizabeth Stevenson	b. March 13, 1905 m. June 4, 1932 George William Lindquist
Mary Frances Lindquist	b. June 6, 1936, Belvidere, Ill.
Martha Vivian Lindquist	b. May 13, 1938, Belvidere, Ill. m. June 17, 1961 Robert Ray Thompson
Frances Stevenson	b. October 30, 1910, Chicago m. October 23, 1942, Dayton, Ohio Roy C. Husband no children

The Gerberich Family

The Gerberichs had lived for generations in the Parish of Michelieth, Bavaria, where the old church records show that:

HANS GERBERICH b. 1613, d. March 21, 1682 Altfeld
m.

APPOLONIA ——— b. 1627, d. 1690

They had four sons, including:

HANS KASPAR GERBERICH b. March 13, 1659, d. March 6, 1720
m. April 24, 1683

APPOLONIA VOLZ

They had nine sons and a daughter, including:

JOHANNES GERBERICH b. June 9, 1701, d. ca 1755
m. February 25, 1727

CHRISTINE SCHUCH of Remlingen

They had three sons and two daughters, one son, Peter, emigrating to Pennsylvania in 1751 with his uncle Michael. Johannes, with his wife, son Johannes and one daughter came in 1752. The other son:

ANDREAS GERBERICH

b. July 17, 1734, Altfeld bei Marktheidenfeld, Bavaria
d. ca 1795, East Hanover Twp., Lebanon County, Penna.
m. 1758

BARBARA BABB

b. 1733, d. ca 1816, East Hanover Twp., Lebanon County

Andreas arrived in Philadelphia October 1, 1754 on the ship *Phoenix*, and is known to have been in the Tulpehocken district of Berks County, Penna., in 1758. In 1762 he bought land in the Swatara Valley in East Hanover Twp., Lebanon County, which he farmed for more than 30 years.

He served in the Revolutionary Army in 1776 in the Hanover Rifles,

The Berntheisel Family

Several families of this name are known to have arrived in Philadelphia from Germany, one as early as 1732, but it has not been possible to identify the present family as being descended from any particular immigrant.

MATTHIAS BERNTHEISEL

b. ca 1780, d. May 3, 1844, Lebanon County, Penna.
m. ca 1806

ANNA MARIA HABERIN

(The family name was probably HABER, the "in" suffix being added to indicate that she was unmarried. See *Early Palatine Emigrations* by Walter S. Knittle.)

Matthias lived in or near the city of Lebanon, Lebanon County, Penna., as five of their six children were baptised in Salem Lutheran Church there.

The children of Matthias and Anna Maria Berntheisel:

John Peter	b. October 16, 1808
Lucy Ann	b. June 8, 1811 d. September 3, 1859, Muscatine, Iowa m. John Gerberich Stein (Stine)
Enos	b. May 14, 1814
Levi	b. October 29, 1816 d. March 14, 1889, Muscatine, Iowa m. Elizabeth ——— Levi came to Iowa in 1849 and lived for 25 years on a farm near Letts, Louisa County.
ANNA CATHERINE	(see SIMON GERBERICH ⁵ STEIN)
Josiah	b. January 22, 1827 d. February 2, 1920. Buried in Zion Church Cemetery, Orwigsburg, Schuylkill County, Penna. m. Mary Moyer

Josiah and Mary had four children:

Felix, Mary, Lillie and Celia.

CELIA BERNTHEISEL was born in Orwigsburg August 30, 1853, and spent most of her life in Myerstown and Auburn, Penna. In 1944 after the death of all her close relatives in Pennsylvania she moved to Muscatine. There she celebrated her 100th birthday with a party for her neighbors. She died there December 31, 1953, and was buried at Orwigsburg.

The Sawyer Family

STEPHEN SAWYER was born in Massachusetts, and died at Concord, New Hampshire. He was a farmer, and lived near West Amesbury, Mass. December 6, 1824 he married

SALLIE B. MCQUESTEN, a native of New Hampshire, and a descendant of a William McQuesten who had emigrated to New England from Northern Ireland about 1735.

The children of Stephen and Sallie (Sarah) McQuesten:

Luther D., Mary E., Samuel F., and STEPHEN P.

STEPHEN PAYSON SAWYER

b. January 13, 1832, near West Amesbury, Mass.

d. March 13, 1911, Muscatine, Iowa

m. June 21, 1853

FRANCES PHOEBE GILLETT

b. September 1, 1832, Newport, N. H.

d. March 18, 1897, Muscatine, Iowa

She was the daughter of DAVID PAUL and LUCINDA (HALL)
GILLETT

Stephen lived in Massachusetts and New Hampshire until 1849, when he moved to Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, where he was a manufacturer of agricultural machinery. In 1871 he and his family moved to Muscatine, where, with his cousin, William McQuesten, he was a partner in the hardware firm of McQuesten and Sawyer. In 1894 the sons of the two partners took over the management of the business.

He was one of the organizers of the Muscatine Oat Meal Company in 1879, and was an early director of the First National Bank. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Muscatine, of which he was a Trustee in 1875.

The six older children of the Sawyers were born in Hamilton, Ontario; the seventh in Muscatine. They were:

Ida Mary	b. August 15, 1854, d. October 21, 1934, Muscatine, Iowa m. Col. Fred. K. Welker no children
Frank Payson	b. November 30, 1856, d. August 20, 1930 m. Joanna Wells, of Milford, Penna. Their children: Henry P., Aura May (Durham), Maud Wells (Ross)
Armina Rosaline	b. December 4, 1858, d. December 10, 1861
Aura Ann	b. December 17, 1860, d. February 4, 1956, Muscatine, Iowa
CLARISSA ORMISTON (see SIMON GERBERICH ⁶ STEIN)	
Samuel Fisher	b. December 25, 1870, d. April 13, 1901, Muscatine, Iowa m. Nellie Stephens no children
Jennie Hurd	b. October 20, 1874 m. Lyle C. Day One son: Donald Sawyer Day

The Eldridge Family

DUNCAN CAMPBELL ELDRIDGE

b. August 3, 1801, Woodbury, New Jersey

d. October 3, 1882, Davenport, Iowa

m. 2

REBECCA LIPPINCOTT

b. January 23, 1807, New Jersey

d. October 5, 1889, Davenport, Iowa

She was the daughter of MICAJAH and SARAH ROBERTS LIPPINCOTT, a Quaker family who lived a few miles south of Philadelphia.

Duncan was one of several children of JOSIAH and SARAH MIDDLETON ELDRIDGE, a Quaker family. As a young man he learned the bricklayer's and plasterer's trade. After the death of his first wife he returned briefly to Philadelphia, then moved on to Cincinnati, where he married Rebecca, whom he had known in New Jersey when he was a young man.

In 1835 Col. Davenport and Antoine Le Claire met him in Cincinnati, where they were trying to recruit settlers for the new village of Davenport, Iowa, which they had laid out the year before. The next year the Eldridges moved by boat to Davenport.

Houses not being available, they made one from the ruins of the houseboat in which they had arrived. Pasting newspapers over the cracks they started a store, then a bakery where they sold bread and dried apple pie. In 1837 they put up a power mill, the first in Davenport, next to the store, at the corner of Front and Ripley Streets. The same year he built the first brick house in Davenport, on the southeast corner of Third and Main. During his years in Davenport he built 34 houses, in most of which they at one time lived. The original home was frequently loaned to various religious denominations for their services, whenever an itinerant preacher came to town.

In 1839 he was elected one of the Trustees of the village, was an Alderman in 1847-48, Postmaster from 1838 to 1845, and in 1853 Sher-

iff of Scott County. In 1841 he was the proprietor of the "White Hall" Hotel on Main Street, and in 1851 he ran a drug store. He outlived all the other original settlers of the city.

By his first marriage he had four children, one of whom, Jacob M. Eldridge, was the founder of the town of that name in Scott County.

By his second marriage he had seven children, of whom three were:

CHARLES HENRY

Sarah E. (Asher) b. 1837, d. 1875, Delmar, Iowa. The first white female born in Davenport, Iowa

Micajah L. b. 1845, d. September 11, 1908, Davenport, Iowa

CHARLES HENRY ELDRIDGE

b. July 26, 1830, Cincinnati, Ohio
d. September 14, 1892, Kansas City, Mo.
m. 1. ca 1860

JOSEPHINE B. THOMPSON

b. April 6, 1837, Philadelphia, Penna.
d. December 10, 1867, Davenport, Iowa

She was the daughter of JOSEPH and SARAH ENGLISH THOMPSON

He came to Davenport with his parents in 1836. In 1861 he was appointed Postmaster by President Lincoln, serving into 1864. In 1866 he formed a partnership with his brother Micajah, as "Eldridge & Brother," real estate and land agents, the firm remaining in this business for over 10 years. In 1885 he was listed as an insurance agent, but by 1888 he had moved to Kansas City, Mo., where he lived with a married daughter until his death.

A son by the first marriage:

EDWARD G. ELDRIDGE

b. ca 1861, in Ohio
d. March 23, 1905, Rock Island, Ill.
m. ca 1883

MARY ELLIS WAUGH (see WAUGH)

As a boy in Davenport Edward learned the printer's trade, and in his early twenties he was foreman in the composing room of the *Herold*. Most of his life was spent as a printer in various newspaper offices in the Tri-Cities. For a short while around 1886 they lived in Hankinson, North Dakota, but in 1888 were back in Davenport, where they lived at 230 West 15th St. After his wife's death in 1899 their five children were taken to raise by various relatives. These children were:

Edna Waugh	b. August 27, 1884
Bessie	b. February 12, 1887
Nina	b. February 27, 1890
Edward	b. July 20, 1893
JESSIE WAUGH	

JESSIE WAUGH ELDRIDGE (see ELLIS)

b. March 17, 1896, Davenport, Iowa
d. March 20, 1959, Miami Beach, Florida
m. May 17, 1917, Muscatine, Iowa

SIMON GERBERICH STEIN III

The Waugh Family

JAMES S. WAUGH, SR.

b. 1772, Cumberland County, Penna.

d. February 17, 1851, Mercer County, Ill.

m.

SARAH McCRUMB

b. 1790, Ireland

d. 1859 or later

Sarah was the daughter of John and Jane (Bell) McCrumb, who emigrated from County Down, Ireland, probably in the 1790s, and were in the first group of settlers of Lawrence County, Penna., in 1798.

James Waugh was said to have been born in Cumberland County, Penna., the son of JOHN and MARTHA (KENNEDY) WAUGH; this family, like the McCrumb, being in the group who settled in New Wilmington Twp., Lawrence County. He was on the first grand jury convened there, and was on the tax lists of 1800 and 1801. The town of New Wilmington was laid out by James and his sons about 1824. They opened the first general store there.

Sometime before 1851 James, with some of his children and grandchildren, moved West and settled in Richland Grove Twp., Mercer County, Ill., where he died that year.

Of their five known children only the son JOHN remained in his father's business of storekeeping. William W. (1808-1859) was a doctor after his move west; daughter Emeline Jane (1822-1859) married Dr. John B. Rathbun, and daughter Harriet married Dr. Frederick H. Judd, both Rathbun and Judd being early practitioners in Rock Island, Ill. Son Samuel Bell (1814-1885) was a well known portrait painter in Philadelphia, after several years spent in study in Italy. His wife, Mary Eliza Young, was a painter of miniatures; and their son Frederick Judd Waugh (1861-1940) was a famous painter of marine scenes. John Waugh's oldest son, Henry Wilmot, was following his uncle's

footsteps, and is known to have painted at least one portrait before he was 21.

JOHN MADISON WAUGH

- b. August 12, 1806, Mercer County, Penna.
- d. August, 1874
- m. 2. August 16, 1843, Mercer County, Penna.

MARY ANN BROWNING ELLIS

- b. January 23, 1822
- d. October 8, 1861 (see ELLIS)

John moved to Mercer County probably in the early 1850s, as at that time he and his brother-in-law, Henry B. Ellis, built the Richland Grove Steam Mills at what is now the village of Cable, operating a large general store in connection with it. They also owned coal mines in the vicinity.

In 1858 the partnership was broken up, John retaining the mill and store, while selling land (which he had bought in 1853 for \$400) to Thomas B. Ellis for a price of over \$26,000.00.

In 1860 John was one of the organizers of the Republican Party in Mercer County. He was the first clerk of the village of Cable. The last record of him is in 1872, when he deeded the family graveyard at Sherard to the County.

By his first marriage John had two sons and two daughters who moved West with him. By the second wife he had three sons and four daughters, who, since his wife died when the youngest child was only two years old, were taken to raise by their aunt, Charlotte (Ellis) Hill, at Warsaw, Illinois.

Their daughter:

MARY ELLIS WAUGH

- b. December 1, 1859, Cable, Ill.
- d. February 11, 1899, Rock Island, Ill.
- m.

EDWARD G. ELDRIDGE (see ELDRIDGE)

The Ellis Family

The Ellis family are believed to have come from County Devonshire, England. Nothing is known of the parents, but a daughter

MARY ANN ELLIS

was married to JOHN M. WAUGH in Mercer County, Penna., in 1843.

CHARLOTTE ELLIS

married James Browning Hill, in St. Louis, Mo., and lived in Warsaw, Ill.

RICHARD B. ELLIS

was a coal mine operator at Cable, Ill., where he died.

THOMAS B. ELLIS

bought the Illinois coal mining properties from his brother-in-law John M. Waugh in 1858.

HENRY B. ELLIS

was John M. Waugh's partner at Cable, also his brother-in-law, and son-in-law.

A daughter of Henry and Ottilini Statira (Waugh) Ellis was Elda Evelyn Ellis, b. Apr. 17, 1863, d. Aug. 15, 1939, m. May 17, 1882, Henry D. Folsom. The Folsoms informally adopted and raised Jessie, the youngest child of Mary Ellis (Waugh) Eldridge.